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Upon reviewing the file, applicants noted that they have not received an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO Forms 1449 that accompanied information disclosure statements filed on June 12, 2002, May 6, 2003, and September 10, 2003. The English translations for the foreign references filed with the information disclosure statement on June 12, 2002, were filed with the supplemental information disclosure statement on July 11, 2002.

Applicants' records show that these information disclosure statements complied with 37 CFR 1.97. Thus, we respectfully request that the examiner initial and return these forms as soon as possible. Note, applicants must pay the issue fee by April 13, 2004, so the examiner's prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

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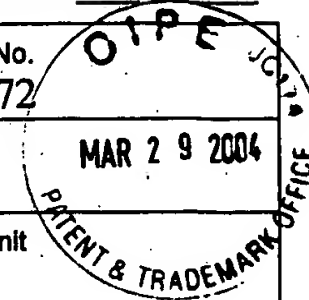
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